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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 26, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice of Appeal dated August 26, 2003, for four months from October 26, 2003 to February 26, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$1,480.00, to cover the cost of the four month extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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